

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Reuben at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present at roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben were present. Headley was absent.

Proper notice was given to all members in accordance with the by-laws.

Chairman Reuben stated that public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, has been given in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice in the lobby entrance of the Authority.
2. Delivering notices to the offices of the Daily Journal and The Press.
3. Filing written notices in the offices of the Authority and City Clerk.

Also present:	Anthony K. Tobolski	Executive Director
	Tyler E. Seifrit, P.E.	Authority Engineer
	Robert A. De Santo	Solicitor
	Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 5, 2024 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the reading of the minutes of the closed meeting held on August 5, 2024 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Rueben voted “yes”.

The Chairman asked if there were any general public comments or comments on the proposed Resolutions. There were none.

Resolutions:

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No.2024 - 75 “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Revolving Payroll Account.... \$100,309.90”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 - 76, “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Bills.... \$368,885.03”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 – 77, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority approving and Option and Energy Storage Lease with Pine Barrens Energy Center LLC...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that Resolution No. 2024 – 78, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority listing payments from the 2016 Bond Issue Construction Fund adopted July 5, 2016...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Anthony Tobolski reported that we are making great progress on the replacement of the Mill Road Interceptor Main. Hopefully, Perna & Finnigan will have it completed by the end of this week. We have about 200 feet left.

We had a second underground electric line that was hit and had to be repaired by Scalfo Electric. Once again, we had no drawings showing the location of these wires and we were not able to mark them out for the contractor. When it’s on private property, it is the property owner’s responsibility to mark out their underground utilities. The Vineland Electric Utility responded and worked along with Scalfo Electric to help produce the best plan for a permanent solution.

Authority Engineer:

Tyler Seifrit reported that LSA met with Suburban Consulting Engineers on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to visit several of our pump stations. This visit is being used to start an asset management inventory as required by the I-Bank funding requirements and to further the design for the Little Robin rehabilitation. A second site visit is scheduled for this Thursday to go over WWTP needs, specifically electrical needs and deficiencies.

Tyler also stated that the Scarpa/Chapel Drive sewer extension is well underway. The sewer main is installed with laterals to continue throughout the rest of the week.

Solicitor:

Bob De Santo reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting and Kathy Hicks gave us approval for the union pole barn project.

Chairman:

Joe Reuben commented that it was another great job on the newsletter.

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Anthony stated that on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the wastewater treatment plant in Downe Township. They had an impressive group of speakers including Corey Booker, Jeff Van Drew and Michael Testa. They all told their story of how they had to work together crossing party lines to get this \$33M project approved and of course they commended the current and former mayors for their hard work getting the funding for this project. LSA will be checking in while construction is taking place to better understand the plant that we will be running in about 2 years.

Also, we had a visit from our new DEP inspector. He wanted to see the progress with the interceptor line project and get a peek at the plant to prepare himself for our September inspection.

Anthony stated that at the last meeting you were told about the high ammonia levels in the storage tanks. We took split samples and sent them to our lab and a different to see if perhaps it was possibly inaccurate. Their results showed that our ammonia levels are not even close to the reported level and to confirm, we ran another set of split samples to double check ourselves. The DEP have been informed and are totally understanding because we've never had results like these, and it doesn't make sense.

Budget/Finance:

Yari Miranda reported that income is \$91,431 or 1.3% under budget and expenses are \$37,782 or .53% over budget. Accounts receivables increased \$319,667.

Human Resources:

Anthony reported that our employee that runs the thickener belts has given me notice that he will be retiring with his last day on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The thickener digester building that this employee worked for the last 36 years is complex and will require several months for training. I would like to post this position immediately.

Public Relations:

Anthony stated that we have a tour tomorrow our plant and farm with the members of the American Littoral Society. They are an organization that promotes the study and conservation of marine life.

Insurance Committee: No Report

Allocations/Administration: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:14 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Barse and seconded by Miranda that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Miranda, Angelo and Reuben voted "yes".

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RYAN R. HEADLEY, Secretary